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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed January 31, 2003, in the above-identified application. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

1. (Four Times amended) A paper backing for supporting a secondary layer, said backing having a double-layer paper structure comprising a first paper layer and a second paper layer, said first paper layer and said second paper layer each being manufactured from wood pulp and short fibers, the short fibers having a length within the range of about 3 to 20 mm and comprising a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol, polyamide, polyester, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyvinyl chloride, polyvinylidene chloride, polyacrylonitrile, rayon, and combinations thereof, wherein said first layer has a blend